## Health Tips for seniors

## What are functional foods?

## **Facts**

- Functional foods are foods that contain substances that are not necessary to prevent poor nutrition but may help promote good health.
- Functional foods contain substances known as phytochemicals (phyto-medicinals) that may help reduce the risk for heart disease & cancer and may reduce the rate of aging.

## How do I get these helpful phyto-chemicals?

- Eat a variety of fruits
- Eat a variety of vegetables
- Eat a variety of legumes
- Never purchase phyto-chemicals in a pill form



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